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BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS OF, IN FUTURE "BERTIL" (1943)

From: STOCKHOLM

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To: [Name No. 42][i].

[ii] was born in 1904 in Sweden, where he lived until 1924. After this he lived continuously in Norway. In 1925 he joined the Norwegian Social-Democratic Party and all the time adhered to its Left Wing. [3 groups unrecovered] member of the Norwegian party of the NATIVES [TUZEMTSY][iii] and was in close relationship with its leaders. From 1933 to September 1939 [3 groups unrecovered] Norwegian Trade Unions after which, for security[a] reasons he had to leave for Sweden, where he is living at this address:

[10 groups unrecoverable]

In future we shall call him BERTIL'[iv].

In view of BERTIL's extensive contacts, particularly in Trade Union circles, we shall use him as a talent-spotter [NABODCHIK] and for contact with Norwegians in STOCKHOLM.

OSKAR[v] evaluates him favourably.

We will use him unless you have grounds for rejecting him.

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[Name No. 59][vi]

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- Note: [a] 'Security', or safety from compromise, as seen from the standpoint of a person engaged in espionage or subversion. Literally 'conspiratorial'. [KONSPIRATIVNYJ].
- Comments: [i] Name No. 42: possibly Capt. (1st Rank) Mikhail Aleksandrovich VORONTSOV.
- [ii]
- [iii] NATIVES: Not clear what this means. The word was used in the WASHINGTON lane, where it appears to be a cover-name (WASHINGTON's No. 762 of 7th April 1943 - 3/NBP/T1061). The original word has the sense of "indigenous inhabitants".
- [iv] BERTIL: first occurrence of this cover-name.
- [v] OSKAR: Unidentified cover-name. Also occurs in STOCKHOLM's No. 657-8 of 26th February 1943 (3/NBP/T1536).
- [vi] Name No. 59: Capt. Aleksei TARADIN, Soviet Naval Attaché in STOCKHOLM.

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